

A REJUVENATING TRIP TO JAIPUR



After reading a chapter from my social science textbook about Jaipur, I got very curious about the city and my mind had many queries. That's how I decided to go to Jaipur. We went to Jaipur by train and it was almost a 13-hour journey. After reaching Jaipur, we checked into a hotel. After lunch, we went straight to the temple of Lord Shaam Baba, which was too crowded. We offered our prayers in the temple and bought things like a pouch, a photo of Shaam Baba, food like papad, achar, lml and chocolates. On day 1, we had fun.

The next day, we got up early and got ready by 9 am for the city tour. First, we went to Jantar Mantar where we saw many huge scientific instruments used in ancient India. Next, we went to Hawa Mahal, where 365 windows were giving us a cool breeze. Then our cab

driver took us to Amer fort - a perfect picnic spot.

Then, we went to the famous Birla temple. It was so beautiful and clean. Then my mother, being a shopaholic,



took us to the mall from where I purchased a pink-coloured top and my brother bought two t-shirts for himself.

We had a lot of fun in Jaipur and I would love to go there again. It was a two-day trip, and I created beautiful memories, which I will cherish forever.

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IS IT OK FOR NEWS CHANNELS TO BREAK RULES FOR BREAKING NEWS?

The only target of private news channels is to telecast news that helps them improve TRP and be on the top, which gets converted to money through advertisement.

This is not wrong. After all, all of us want money. The prime objective of any channel is to woo the audience. This is possible only if

YES

they are the first to present the news. In the rush to be the first, often some norms get ignored.

Like in case of crime against women, it is a norm to hide the image and name of the victim, but all channels blatantly violate this norm. It does not mean they disrespect. It is just an effort to present all the information to the viewers.

It is to be noted that till date the government of India does not have too many laws, which may control the media.

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Some news channels are not following the ethics and showing unnecessary news just for the sake of TRP. News channels are to create awareness and not spread misconceptions.

I have seen some of the news channels are also judging people's character which is not good. Channels melodramatise and overemphasise any news which comes to them.

NO

It was first after the Mumbai attack of 26/11 that the need was felt to put certain restrictions upon the media, however, the idea was implemented to a limited extent only. We cannot forget that the Indian army had to pay heavy price due to the reporting of one news channel. I truly believe that news channels break rules for breaking news and the nation really needs to spell out stringent laws.

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DEBATE



SEASONED PLAYERS SHOW GRIT TO KEEP PLAYING

SERENA SURPRISES ALL WITH DECISION TO PLAY AT EASTBOURNE, WHILE MURRAY REFUSES TO BE HAMPERED BY INJURY

American tennis legend Serena Williams, who hasn't competed anywhere since she was injured in the first round of Wimbledon last year, surprised everyone with her decision to return to the tennis court, after she was awarded a wild card for singles at the All England Club. Andy Murray too announced he will be playing at Wimbledon even though he is still being hampered by an abdominal injury.

American tennis legend Serena Williams' decision to return to the tennis court this week at the Rothesay International Eastbourne after being away for close to a year has surprised several players on the WTA circuit, with some saying they are amazed to see her "hunger for the game".

Serena, the winner of 23 Grand Slam singles titles, played her last match at Wimbledon nearly a year ago, where she was forced to retire with an injury in the first round against Aliaksandra Sasnovich of Belarus. She is set to return at Eastbourne, where she will play doubles alongside Tunisian's new world No. 3 singles player Ons Jabeur. Spanish world No. 4 in singles Paula Badosa said she was surprised with Serena's decision to play at Eastbourne ahead of Wimbledon, which gets underway on June 27.

"I think it surprised everyone," said Badosa in Eastbourne. "But it's very good to have her back and it really amazed me how she had all this hunger for the game and still has it. I think it is

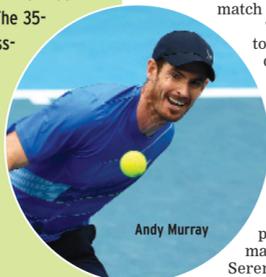
a great inspiration. I hope she can be back for much more time, because I think she does very good for tennis."

In addition to playing doubles in Eastbourne, Williams also has taken a singles wild card into Wimbledon. The Wimbledon draw will be conducted Friday. With unseeded Williams in the mix, the players will

PLAN IS TO PLAY AT WIMBLEDON

■ Andy Murray said he remains on course to play at Wimbledon even though he is still being hampered by an abdominal injury which has left him unable to practice fully. The 35-year-old Briton, who won the grass-court Grand Slam in 2013 and 2016, sustained the injury during his Stuttgart Open final loss to Matteo Berrettini on June 12. The former world number one withdrew from last week's Queen's Club Championships and is racing to be fit for Wimbledon, which begins on June 27.

■ "The plan is still to play. The injury is improving. I've had it rescanned and it's progressing in the right way," Murray said on Monday. "But you can probably work out from the nature of the injury which shows it is that I've been struggling with and haven't been able to practise. "In the next few days I'll start to increase that and test it out. Hopefully it's recovered sufficiently." REUTERS



Andy Murray

be keeping a close eye on who she draws in the first round.

"I hope she (draws world No.1) Iga (Swiatek)," Jabeur said, adding, "At least someone should stop Iga a little bit." Badosa said that Serena playing on grass is as difficult as it gets, and added that she hoped she doesn't have to play the legend in the opening rounds at Wimbledon.

"Of course I don't want to play against her. I hope the draw goes for another player, because of course no one wants to play against Serena and less on grass. So let's pray for that," said Badosa. Playing with Jabeur in Eastbourne will give Serena a good opportunity to find her footing on the grass and practice her serve and returns in match conditions.

"It's a long time not to play," 2021 Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova said. The 30-year-old Czech has been working her way back to form after breaking her arm in the off-season. Given her own experience, Pliskova warned reporters to not have too many expectations from Serena. "She's not the youngest, and the body takes time to get back in the shape of playing matches and tournaments," Pliskova said. "It's still very different to just practicing." "But of course she's an amazing player and she has achieved so much. I think a number of players will be super scared to play her. This is her advantage, but let's see her level." AGENCIES



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ASHWIN MISSES ENGLAND TOUR AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

TEST VETERAN LIKELY TO MISS FOUR DAY PRACTICE MATCH

Senior off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has not travelled to the United Kingdom along with his India team-mates for the one-off 'fifth Test' after testing positive for COVID-19, a BCCI source said.

Ashwin is currently in quarantine and will only join the squad after meeting all protocols. The Indian team had left for UK on June 16.

"Ashwin hasn't travelled with the squad to UK as he has tested positive for COVID-19 before departure. But we are hopeful that he will recover well in time before the Test match starts on July 1," the BCCI source said on conditions of anonymity. Ravichandran Ashwin is likely going to miss

the four-day practice match against Leicestershire starting Friday but could be available for the rescheduled fifth Test match at the Edgbaston.

After the IPL, Ashwin had played a Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) League red-ball match where he had bowled 20 overs to get some long form game time. The rest of the Indian squad is already in Leicester and started training under the supervision of bowling coach Paras Mhambrey and batting coach Vikram Rathour. Rahul Dravid, Rishabh Pant and Shreyas Iyer have reached London after finishing the T20I assignment against South Africa. The Ireland-bound squad under VVS Laxman will leave for Dublin on either June 23 or 24. AGENCIES

INCREDIBLE TO HAVE SO MANY PACERS: DRAVID

Among the notable pace bowlers to emerge following the conclusion of the IPL 2022 include Umran Malik, who had a 157kmph delivery for Sunrisers Hyderabad, while Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna and Kuldeep Sen, among others, too have shown tremendous promise. Dravid spoke about his coaching tenure so far with the India team and working with an array of captains and pace bowlers in a short span of time. Dravid credited the IPL for nurturing several young bowlers to play for India in the years to come. "It was incredible to see the fast

bowling talent we have (during the IPL), especially with few of the bowlers clocking such (fast) speed. A lot of youngsters got an opportunity to showcase their skills, and a lot of them came good, those are really good signs for Indian cricket, exciting times ahead," Dravid added. Former Indian pace bowler Pathan backed Malik to get a place in the ICC T20 World Cup squad. "He (Umran) has not yet played (for India); he has still not made his debut. First make him debut; see how he goes when he makes his debut. But if he makes his debut and god forbid if it does not go well, don't leave him aside," Irfan said. IANS



Photo: PTI

INDIA JUNIOR WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM HOLD NETHERLANDS TO CAGEY 2-2 DRAW

Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team rallied to hold Netherlands 2-2 draw in their second contest of the Uniphair U-23 Nations Tournament in Dublin, Ireland, on Monday. Annu (19') and Beauty Dungdung (37') scored once each for India while Brouwer Amber (13') and Van Der Broek Belen (17') were on the target for the Dutch team.

The Netherlands went ahead in the 13th minute through Brouwer Amber. They started the second

quarter on the front foot, and it paid off when Van Der Broek Belen scored in the 17th minute. After conceding two goals, India initiated embarked played with greater aggression. That strategy paid off as Annu pulled one back in the 19th minute. Trailing by a goal, India looked to attack early on as the third quarter started. The Indian team was rewarded for their effort as their Vice Captain Beauty Dungdung scored the equalizer in the 37th minute. ANI



Ravichandran Ashwin

Photo: ANI

QUIZ TIME!

Q1: Which Indian player won the silver medal in the German Open 2022 tournament?

- Lakshya Sen
- Kunlavut Vitidsarn
- B Sai Praneeth
- P V Sindhu

Q2: Who is the first Indian to win the Fed Cup Heart Award for Asia/Oceania zone?

- Ankita Raina
- Sania Mirza
- Sumit Nagpal
- Yuki Bhambri

Q3: What is the motto of the 2022 commonwealth games?

- The cheerful games
- Games for everyone
- Friends for life
- Passion lives here

Q4: Which Barcelona defender recently confirmed that he will not continue at the Camp Nou Stadium next season.

- Dani Alves
- Allex Telles
- Phil Jones
- Luke Shaw

Q5: Haris Seferovic of Switzerland clocked the fastest-ever goal in UEFA Nations

League, scoring in 57 seconds. Against which country was it scored?

- Spain
- Italy
- Portugal
- Czech Republic



Photo: REUTERS

Q6: Who became the joint-youngest batsman to complete 10000 runs in Test cricket in June 2022.

- Alastair Cook
- Joe Root
- Ben Stokes
- David Warner

Q7: Where in India will the world's biggest chess event will be held from July 28 to August 10, 2022?

- Mumbai
- Banglore
- Mahabalipuram
- Raipur

Q8: Which football team recently qualified for the Asian Cup Finals after Palestine defeated the Philippines in Ulaanbaatar.

- India
- Iran
- China
- Spain

ANSWERS:

- a. Lakshya Sen
- b. Sania Mirza
- b. Games for everyone
- a. Dani Alves
- c. Portugal
- b. Joe Root
- c. Mahabalipuram
- a. India